



**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON**

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Citizens of the Town of North Hampton in Rockingham County, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

FIRST SESSION

You are hereby notified to meet for the First (Deliberative) Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to be held at the:

**North Hampton School,
201 Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton, New Hampshire,**

On Saturday, January 30th, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

The First (Deliberative) Session will consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of each of the following warrant articles, and will afford those voters who are present the opportunity to propose, debate and adopt amendments to each warrant article, except those articles whose wording is prescribed by state law. **In the event of inclement weather, the alternative date for the First Session is Saturday, February 6, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.**

SECOND SESSION

You are also notified to meet for the Second Session of the Annual Town Meeting, to elect town officers by official ballot and to vote by official ballot on the warrant articles as they may have been amended at the First Session, to be held at the:

**North Hampton School,
201 Atlantic Avenue in North Hampton, New Hampshire,**

**On Tuesday, March 8th, 2016,
Polls open at 8:00 a.m. and close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.**

to act upon the following:

Article One: Election of Officers

To choose the following officers for the coming year:

- 1 Moderator, 2 year term;
- 1 Select Board Member, 3 year term;
- 1 Town Clerk/Tax Collector, 3 year term;
- 1 Town Treasurer, 1 year term;
- 1 Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 year term;
- 1 Library Trustee, 3 year term;
- 2 Budget Committee Members, 1 year terms each;
- 1 Budget Committee Member, 3 year term;
- 1 Cemetery Trustee, 3 year term;
- 2 Planning Board Members, 3 year terms each;
- 1 Water Commissioner, 3 year terms;
- 2 Zoning Board of Adjustment Members, 3 year term each;
- 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds, 3 year term.

Article Two: First Amendment to Zoning Ordinance: Purpose

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment Number 1 to the Zoning Ordinance, Article I to clarify that North Hampton's zoning ordinance does not apply to the Little Boars Head Village District as follows:

To amend Article 1, Purpose. The intent of the proposed amendment is to clarify that the North Hampton Zoning Ordinance does not apply to the Village District of Little Boar's Head, which was granted exclusive zoning authority by an act of the New Hampshire Legislature in 1937.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Planning Board: Recommended. 6 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 3: Second Amendment to Zoning Ordinance: Non-Conforming Use and Lot Amendments

Are you in favor of adoption of Amendment Number 2 to Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 302 (Definitions) and Article V, Section 501 (Non-Conforming Use) as follows:

To amend Article III, Section 302 by adding the definition of a *non-conforming lot*: *A lot which was lawfully created, but which does not meet the minimum dimensional requirements for frontage and/or lot size within the zoning district in which the lot is located.*

To amend Article III, Section 302 by amending the definition of a non-conforming use to: *Non-conforming use is any use legally existing at the time of enactment of this ordinance or any of its amendments, which does not conform to the provisions of this ordinance.*

To amend Article V, Section 501.2 to *A non-conforming use may be continued but may not be extended or expanded-unless to a conforming use, except as permitted by the Zoning Board of Adjustment in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance.*

To amend Article V, Section 501.5 to *Structures on a non-conforming lot can be expanded if the expansion meets current zoning.*

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Planning Board: Recommended. 5 votes in favor and no votes against.

Article 4: Third Zoning Ordinance Amendment Number 3: Equestrian Stables and Greenhouses Uses

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 3 to Zoning Ordinance, Article III, Section 302 (Definitions) and Article III, Section 305 (Permitted Uses, Special Exceptions and Non-Permitted Uses) as follows:

To amend Article III, Section 302 by adding the definition of an *Equestrian Stable*: *Structure(s) and/or ground(s) whose principle use or purpose is for, but not limited to, the housing, shelter, feeding, care or exercise of equine animals.*

To amend Article III, Section 302 by adding the definition of a *Commercial Equestrian Stable*: *Any equestrian stable where the onsite animals are housed in one or more buildings for the purpose other than personal and/or onsite agricultural use of where more than four (4) animals total on the property are boarded for a fee or other considerations.*

To amend Article III, Section 305 by removing greenhouses and riding stables from the list of uses requiring a Special Exception in the R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts and adding commercial

riding stables to the list of uses requiring a Special Exception in the R-1 and R-2 Zoning Districts.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Planning Board: Recommended. 5 votes in favor and no votes against.

Article 5: Fourth Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Agriculture Ordinance Amendments

Are you in favor of adopting Amendment Number 4 to the Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Section 508 (Agriculture) to make minor clarifications within the ordinance and to add criteria to be used by the Planning Board when granting a Conditional Use Permit for accessory structures for agriculture when the structure is not located on the rear of the property?

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Planning Board: Recommended. 5 votes in favor and no votes against.

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Article 6: Town Campus Project (By Petition)

To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Five Hundred Thirty-one Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty-eight Dollars (\$6,531,468) for the construction of a Municipal Safety Complex to house both the Police and Fire/Rescue departments and a new Library, to demolish the old fire station and to renovate the old police station for Town Administration; such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes in accordance therewith and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further, to raise by taxation and appropriate up to One Hundred Eighty-five Thousand Dollars (\$185,000) for the first year's payment on said bond. The Safety Complex shall be built on town-owned land at the corner of Atlantic and Alden Avenues, Map 007, Lot 138, commonly referred to as the "Homestead Property;" and the new Library shall be constructed on town-owned land on Atlantic Avenue on which the old fire station is located. The total cost of this project is Seven Million Nine Hundred Seven Thousand One Hundred and Twenty-four Dollars (\$7,907,124). The balance of the cost shall be paid for by funds previously appropriated by the Legislative Body, in the amount of \$450,029, and funds raised by private donation, in the amount of \$925,627; and, to see if the Town will vote to accept and appropriate said private donations for the purposes herein described.

3/5ths ballot vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 6 votes in favor, no votes against, 1 abstention

Article 7: Safety Center

To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Million Three Hundred Four Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty-nine Dollars (\$4,304 ,839) for the construction of a Municipal Safety Complex to house both the Police and Fire/Rescue departments on town-owned land at the corner of Atlantic and Alden Avenues, Map 007, Lot 138, commonly referred to as the "Homestead Property; said project also to include the demolition of the old fire station and the employment of a clerk of the works for the duration of the project; such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33); and, to authorize the Select Board to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes in accordance therewith and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and further, to raise by taxation and appropriate up to One Hundred Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000) for the first year's payment on said bond.

3/5ths ballot vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Not recommended. 4 votes to recommend, 4 votes not to recommend and 1 abstention.

Article 8: FY 2017 Operating Budget

Shall the Town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, Six Million Five Hundred Ninety-seven Thousand Two Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$6,597,211)? Should this Article be defeated, the default budget shall be Six Million Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Thirty-six Dollars (\$6,550,036), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustment required by previous action of the Town or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Majority Ballot Vote Required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 9: Proposed Police Department Collective Bargaining Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in a three year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Select Board and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 211 which calls for the following increases in salaries, fringe and other cost items at the current staffing level:

Fiscal Year	Total of Cost Items	Estimated Increase
2017	\$1,332,237	\$169,209
2018	\$1,382,710	\$50,473
2019	\$1,420,288	\$37,578

And further, to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand Two Hundred and Nine Dollars (\$169,209.) for Fiscal Year 2017, said sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries, fringe and other cost items required in year one of the new agreement over those that would be paid at current staffing levels.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 10: Road Resurfacing

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars (\$240,000) for the purpose of resurfacing and reconstructing approximately 2.5 miles of road, withdrawing Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) from the previously established Municipal Transportation Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created for this purpose, and raising Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars (\$210,000) through taxation.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 11: Lease Purchase of a Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement, for Forty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500), for the purpose of leasing and fully equipping a police cruiser for the Police Department; and, to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for the first year's payment on the lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 12: Lease Purchase of a Police Cruiser

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a three-year lease/purchase agreement, for Forty-nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$49,500), for the purpose of leasing and fully equipping a police cruiser for the Police Department; and, to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$16,500) for the first year's payment on the lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 13: Purchase of SCBA Units for the Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty-eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-two Dollars (\$58,492) through taxation for the purchase of not more than ten (10) Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for the Fire Department to replace existing units as part of an existing replacement schedule of equipment. The life expectancy of the SCBA units is approximately 10 years.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 14: Purchase of Chest Compression System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven Dollars (\$14,997) to purchase an automatic chest compression system to be used to equip the North Hampton Ambulance, with the sum to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Fund and no amount to come from taxation.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 15: Retrofit of Existing DPW Truck for the Fire Department

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for the purpose of refitting an existing town DPW vehicle for use as a forestry truck with the sum to be withdrawn from the Fire Department Equipment and Apparatus Fund and no amount to come from taxation.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 16: Lease Purchase of Medium Duty DPW Truck

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$90,000) for the purpose of leasing and equipping a medium duty dump truck for the Department of Public Works; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) for the first year's payment on said lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 17: Purchase of Compactor

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars (\$12,000) through taxation for the purchase of a used steam roller for use by the Highway Department to compact earth and other materials in the preparation of roads and culverts, and for other purposes. The Department currently leases a similar device on a regular basis, and the estimated return on investment for this purchase is approximately two (2) years.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 18: Lease Purchase of DPW Utility Pick-Up Truck

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into a five-year lease/purchase agreement in the amount of Fifty-five Thousand Dollars (\$55,000) for the purpose of leasing and equipping a utility pick-up truck for the Department of Public Works; and to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,000) for the first year's payment on said lease. This lease agreement contains a fiscal funding (escape) clause.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 19: Close the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund created in 2001. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the Town's general fund. This article is contingent on the passage of the operating budget. If the operating budget does not pass, this article will be null and void.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 20: Contribution to the Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to be placed in the Town Mosquito Control Expendable Trust Fund (Capital Reserve #7)? This article is contingent on the operating budget failing. If the operating budget passes, then this warrant article is null and void.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 21: Contribution to the Health Benefits Stabilization Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) through taxation for deposit into the Health Benefits Stabilization Control Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of stabilizing health benefit cost increases for employees.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 22: Contribution to the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000) through taxation for deposit into the Earned Time Settlement Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to allow the Select Board to implement its Earned time Policy which is designed to limit the Town's unfunded accrued leave liability. The Select Board is the agent to expend from the said Fund.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 23: Contribution to the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Seventy-five Thousand Dollars (\$75,000) to be placed in the Town Building Maintenance Capital Reserve Fund. The purpose of this fund is to perform improvement projects and regular maintenance at the various Town-owned buildings.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 24: Contribution to the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate through taxation the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund (Capital Reserve Fund No. 17). The purpose of this fund is to set aside sufficient funds to comply with the State of New Hampshire's requirement to perform a complete property revaluation every five (5) years.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

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Article 25: Creation of EPA Stormwater Expendable Trust Fund

To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to establish an EPA Stormwater Compliance Expendable Trust Fund pursuant to RSA 31:19-a, for the implementation of a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) project required by an unfunded federal mandate of the Environmental Protection Agency to prevent harmful pollutants from being washed into local water bodies, to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) to add to the fund with \$40,000 to come from the unassigned fund balance, not from taxation, and twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be raised and appropriated from taxation; and further to name the Select Board as agents to expend from the Fund.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 7 votes in favor, no votes against.

Article 26: Modify the Purpose of the Cable Access Television Revolving Fund.

Shall the Town modify the purpose of the Cable Access Television Revolving Fund to allow for the funding of information and internet technology equipment and program costs from not more than twenty-five percent (25%) of annual revenues from the receipt of Comcast Cable Franchise fees? This revolving fund was established in 2009 to fund community television, cable access and the public information channel. The proposed change would permit, as a minimum, Town website redesign and maintenance. This Article does not impact the tax rate.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

Select Board: Recommended. 3 votes in favor, no votes against.

Budget Committee: Recommended. 5 votes in favor, 2 votes against.

Article 27: By Petition: Transfer of Homestead Property

To see if the Town of North Hampton will vote to transfer by deed the property known as the Homestead Property on Atlantic Avenue to the Library Board of Trustees for the purpose of locating the Library on said property in the future.

Majority Ballot Vote required.

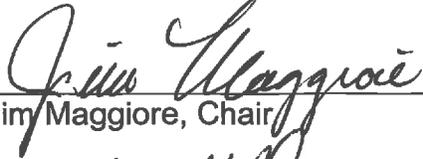
Select Board: Not recommended. No votes to recommend. 3 votes to not recommend.

Article 28: Other Business

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this eleventh day of January, in the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

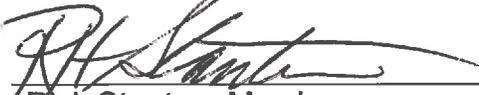
THE NORTH HAMPTON SELECT BOARD



Jim Maggiore, Chair



Larry Miller, Vice Chair



Rick Stanton, Member

A TRUE COPY.

ATTEST:

for



Susan Buchanan, Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

January 22, 2016

I do hereby certify that on the twenty-second day of January, 2016, an attested copy of the within warrant was posted at the North Hampton School, the place of meeting, and at the inside and outside boards at the Town Administrative Offices, the Town Hall and the Town Clerk's Office and at the North Hampton Public Library, all being a public places in the Town of North Hampton.

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